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Letter from James B. Finley to Bishop Soule

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Bishop Soule you are hereby notified that
a charge will be preferred against you as Bishop of
the Methodist Episcopal Church for Improper Conduct.
Specification 1st In holding officially on James O Andrews
to exercise the office of a Bishop in said Church in
contervention of the act of the General Conference in his
case

2^d In disregarding the Decision of the College of
Bishops in his case

3^d In Betraying the trust committed to you in
carrying out their decision ^{with} ~~your~~ ^{whitely} ~~case~~ ware in honor
and honesty Bound to keep DO

4th In your Betraying your high trust ~~as an~~ ⁱⁿ
~~the~~ Episcopate in the M E Church by aiding and abetting
in a Secession from said ^{Church} ~~by~~ your General Council
and the low sordidous Letter you wrote for Publication
5th by using language bordering on the Profane in
Declaring that your Principles were as firm as the throne
of God then by Prepping an infallible ^{whitely} ~~whitely~~ does
not belong to man ~~whitely~~ I As Lincol

You are hereby notified that you will be called
upon to answer to this Charge & ^{Hepp.} Inspections of the next
General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church
April 1845

J. B. Smith

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Charges of
B. Smith
April 1845

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